



PATENT

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. MBHB03-465-D (400/151))

IN THE APPLICATION OF:)	
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McSwiggen <i>et al.</i>)	
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Serial No. 10/826,966)	Examiner: To Be Assigned
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Filed: April 16, 2004)	Group Art Unit: 1635
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Title RNA Interference Mediated)	Confirmation No.: 2134
Inhibition Of Gene Expression Using)	
Chemically Modified Short)	
Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA))	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following preliminary amendment be entered in the above-mentioned application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-1249.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.